



**Montgomery Township  
Park & Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2010**

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Tony Ruggeri, Heather Berkey, Dan Spinelli, Keith Johnson, Mark Angelone, Eugene Ross, Shirley Snyder, Kevin Costello (Public Works Director) were in attendance. Leesa Meade was absent.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tony Ruggeri called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the June 9, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

**RECREATION UPDATE**

- Eugene Ross updated the Board on the Kids University program and its trips.
- Eugene Ross also noted that Chris Beck has joined the Recreation staff and his role in the Township.
- Eugene Ross mentioned that the recreation programs are running well, although some have been cancelled due to low enrollment.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

- Kevin Costello mentioned that the Park Budget is at 40% as of the end of June.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

- Kevin Costello mentioned that he is looking for a contractor to improve some of the playing fields at Whistlestop Park. However, the fields will remain playable. Kevin also mentioned that the township is in contact with two potential contractors for the project. Dan Spinelli inquired whether these new fields will be ready for the 2011 season. Tony Ruggeri stated that the fields will be ready for the 2011 season. Tony Ruggeri stated that the fields need a season in order for the grass to grow.
- Posts have been put in for the shade structure at the park and should be completed during the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Kevin Costello stated that the Friendship Park Project DEP permits have been signed by the Township.

**PARK COMP PLAN**

- Kevin Costello stated that he would be attending a meeting with Chris Beck and Beth Pilling the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>. The group will be visiting each of the Township's park and Open Space area and evaluating each. A meeting will be held with John Nagel sometime in September to review this information.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Tony Ruggeri mentioned that the kickback walls were still under consideration and he was trying to get specifications. Public Works may be able to build these walls, if their schedule permits. Kevin Costello noted that the walls could be built for the use of soccer and lacrosse players.
- Tony Ruggeri also mentioned that the watering system for the baseball fields at Windlestrae Park is working well. It was stated that the watering of the fields is intended for the infield only. No watering of the grass is permitted at this time.
- Keith Johnson inquired about the use of portable lights at the Zehr field.
- Heather Berkley suggested adding Hillbilly Horseshoes as an extra activity at the parks. Kevin Costello will consider this possibility.
- Kevin Costello stated that he researched the gaga courts Leesa Meade had mentioned in previous meetings.
- Tony Ruggeri mentioned making the gaga court and Eagle Scout Project.
- The Board discussed possible ways to honor the year of service of member Bill Maule. It was decided that they will discuss this again at a later date, and will seek Board approval when a recommendation is made.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Tony Ruggeri showed the Park Board the newly updated Park Usage Policy. There is concern about the condition of the fields from tournament use. When the new policy is finalized by the Park and Recreation Board, the policy will need to be approved by the Board of Supervisors prior to distribution. The new rules and regulations will be distributed to all organizations using Montgomery Township fields upon approval.
- Kevin Costello made suggestions to some of the rules.
- Mark Angelone mentioned missing basketball nets and trash at Spring Valley Park.
- The board briefly discussed ideas for eliminating the litter located at the park.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Tony Ruggeri adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building.